



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Ronald Yee
President

January 10, 2023

Douglas Wadlin
Vice-President

Richard Noelke
Secretary Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mary Etta Kreklau
Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Secretary-Treasurer Noelke acting as President; and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Faith Cairgle
Sergeant-At-Arms

PRESENT: Bauman, Cairgle, Hyde-Shelton, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Smith and Sockolosky

John McCall
James Sockolosky
Julie Bauman
Executive Board

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: Wadlin and Yee

GUEST: None

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.

Sub-Chapter 38 minutes for the Executive and Membership meetings are recorded to help the Recording Secretary to produce minutes for each meeting. Pursuant to the previous direction of the membership, these recordings shall be disposed of as soon as reasonably possible after the Sub-Chapter 38 membership has approved the minutes. The minutes are not or intended to be an actual verbatim record of the proceedings but are summarized notes of the agenda items, motions, makers of the motion, votes, and lengthy discussions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MIARA December 2022 Newsletter with a review of 2022 and an article about Whitmer, Democrats look to repeal state pension tax.

A thank you note was received from the WCERS Staff thanking Sub-Chapter 38 for providing the holiday luncheon in December for the staff of the WCERS Office.

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Macdonald to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

READING OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 13, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of December 13, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

Brother Yee had asked Brother Noelke to give the following information: Happy New Year to all members. Reminder to all Medicare eligible retirees that are receiving a stipend, a new Members are advised that the Wayne County form verifying your income and/or dependents must be completed and returned to keep your stipend coming. This is NOT the information to update Wayne County records separate from Alerus.

A reminder that AFSCME Chapter 255 is having a dinner honoring former Sub-Chapter 38 and Chapter 255 President Henry Lykes on January 28th here at this UAW hall. Reception begins at 4:30 with dinner at 5:30 followed by dancing. There are still (4) complimentary tickets available which Sister Julie Bauman has with her. Please see her about them.

Brother Ron Yee was the winner of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System – Retiree representative with a term beginning January 2023. We want to thank Brother Hugh Macdonald for all the work he has done in the past 12 years representing the retirees on this important board

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to accept the President's report as given. The motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Brother Wadlin is unable to attend today's meeting, but he did report that the WC Labor Coalition January meeting is being held this date so he's unable to provide a report.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

The financial report was presented by Brother Noelke, Treasurer. The Sub-Chapter has \$224,798.29 in cash and investments as of December 31, 2022. There are 1,233 current members with 182 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (130) members lost this year.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis to accept the Treasurer report for December 2022 as presented. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brother Macdonald's Report:

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)

As reported many times, the arbitration case contesting the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance coverage for disability retirees with an award stating that **"The County**

violated the collective bargaining agreement when it made changes to health care benefits for newly approved duty and nonduty disability retirees. The County must rescind Administration Personnel Order 1-2010 and make whole the duty or nonduty disability retiree who was improperly denied healthcare benefits after 2010 by virtue of the fact that they did not meet the age and service requirements for “normal” retirement.” The award only applies to AFSCME disability retirees who retired after the personnel order was issued. Those disability retirees who retired prior to the order did not have their healthcare status changed.

When Wayne County did not honor the award, Council 25 legal counsel obtained a court order requiring Wayne County to implement the award. Wayne County then filed motions with the court for reconsideration and then a stay of the court order and both motions were denied. It is expected that Wayne County will not attempt to overturn the award and court orders at the Michigan Court of Appeals. Since the arbitration award, our attorneys have been seeking a “make whole” plan from the County consistent with the award with no response from Wayne County.

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends are consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due January 2, 2023. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. The Sub-Chapter continues to assist members on stipend issues that are, generally, quickly resolved.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister O’Leary-MacGillis, to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Brother Macdonald reminded the membership that the entire Executive Board is up for election in October 2023 so if anyone is interested in running for office, they should make that known.

Chapter 255:

Sister Bauman gave the report for Chapter 255. All of the tickets that were purchased by the Sub-Chapter for Henry Lykes dinner have been spoken for. There are still tickets available for purchase and she has tickets with her today at this meeting. Tickets are \$25 each and they are available. She reviewed the menu. Brother McCall discussed Brother Lykes importance to AFSCME both while an employee and also as a retiree.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Parone, to accept the Chapter 255 report as presented. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Brother McCall brought up the legislative effort to repeal the Right to Work law passed in 2012. It’s important that contact your legislator and tell them the importance of employees having the right to organize and belong to a union.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept Brother McCall's recommendation. The motion carried.

Calendar of 2023 Meetings:

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to accept the proposed Calendar of Meetings for AFSCME Sub-Chapter 38 for the 2023 calendar year. The motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Sister Maureen Gossett reported that Sister Lambro Niforos is now in a nursing home in St. Clair Shores. She's not aware of the name of the facility but it's on Mack Avenue.

There was a moment of silence for deceased.

There were 37 attendees that signed in.

Regular Attendance Drawing:

- #25 - \$20 – Ken Giannoni
- #29 - \$10 – Jerry MacGillis
- #17 - \$10 – Ernestine Cox

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Pendracki, to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm. The motion carried.